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UNION, MISS., Oct. 15, 1896.

The fifty-fifth session of the Coldwater Baptist Association convened with the Union Baptist Church Thursday, October 15, 1896, at 11 a. m., Elder H. A. DuBoise, temporary Moderator.

Elder W. M. Farmer moved that Elder N. W. P. Bacon, of Hernando, be requested to preach the introductory sermon, as both Elder J. E. Barnett and the Alternate were absent.

N. W. P. Bacon preached the introductory sermon from Mark, 16th chapter, 15th verse, after which adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order promptly at 1.30 p. m., by the temporary Moderator. Exercises opened by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

On motion, the Association went into permanent organization and resulted in the election of N. W. P. Bacon, Moderator; Z. H. Nail, Clerk, and W.R. Dougherty Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed T. C. Dockery and Elder W. M. Farmer, a committee to read the church letters.

Moved and seconded to appoint a committee on business; motion was carried. Committee: H. A. DuBoise, W. M. Farmer and G. W. Potter.

Committee on Devotional Exercises, Pastor and Deacons was appointed by the Moderator.

Petitionary letters were called for. Mt. Pisgah responded and admitted right hand of fellowship, extended by the Moderator.

Resolved, That this body meet at 9 a. m. Ad-

journ at 12 m.; meet at 1.30 p. m.; adjourn at 4 p. m.; meet at 7 p. m., and adjourn at pleasure.

Adjourned to meet at 7 p. m., for preaching by W T. Lowery. Benediction by Elder H. W. Rocket.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator promptly at 9 o'clock.

Messengers and visitors from corresponding bodies were called for and received as follows:

Oxford Association—H. W. Rocket and J. R. Tarris.

Leabenon Association—Prof. W. T. Lowery.

Tippah Association—Elder J. E. Barnett

Yalobusha Association—A. V. Rowe, Corresponding Secretary of State Board.

The following appointments as delegates and messengers to corresponding bodies were then made:

To Baptist State Convention—H. A. DuBoise, T. C. Dockery, J. E. Barnett, W. M. Farmer and N. W. P. Bacon.

Memphis Association—H. A. DuBoise, N. W. P. Bacon, D. G. Young, J. C. Drake and R. E. Carter.

Oxford Association—J. E. Barnett, D. G. Young, J. A. Dean and A. W. Ray.

Sunflower Association—A. N. Billingsly and S. B. Dalehite.

East Sardis Association (col.)—J. E. Barnett, A. N. Billingsly, E. W. Wright, N. W. P. Bacon and D. G. Young.

Yalobusha Association—Geo. Seymore and W. M. Farmer.

Chickasahay Association—G. W. Potter, H. A. DuBoise and J. H. Tyro.

Tippah Association—G. W. Potter and S. P. Dalehite.

Southern Baptist Convention—N. W. P. Bacon, delegate; H. A. DuBoise, alternate; elected by the body.

It was suggested that the appointed delegate be authorized to appoint any one to go in his place, which

was earried by vote.

While waiting for the report on Foreign Missions we sang, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and was led in praper by Elder G. W. Potter.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by W. M. Farmer, discussed by J. R. Tarris and adopted as follows:

Foreign Missions.

It is a pleasure to your Committee to be able to report progress in our Foreign Mission work. The past conventional year has witnessed progress along all the lines. Through the Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., we are doing work in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan. In these countries there are 98 churches, an increase of 13 over last year. There are 76 missionaries, an increase of 9 over last year, and this year there were reported 735 baptisms, an increase of 154 over the preceding year.

Besides this, and what is more gratifying in all these fields, the people are becoming more and more interested in the gospel and native helpers are becoming more numerous and more efficient. It is a marvel, too, to see with what zeal and earnestness these native christians give of their scant means to extend the knowledge of the truth to their people.

While along this line it might not be amiss to say that never before have the doors been so fully opened by at present. China, humiliated from her defeat by Japan, is looking as never before from herself to something more stable, and the gospel comes with new force and interest to them.

Another truth is suggestive. More men and women are now ready to go as missionaries than ever before. They stand saying, "here I am, send me." Or as Carey said: "Brethren, we will go down into the well and hold the rope." We have asked God for these laborers, he has given them to us, are we now ready to equip them and send them to the work?

Of course it is no secret that our Board is now in debt. Also that several of our Missionaries are now detained at home on account of this debt. They are ready to go and are anxiously awaiting the command of the Board to go to their work that is much needing them. What do we say? What does Mississippi say? Hitherto our record has been good. Dr. Willingham, Secre-

tary of the Board, says of us this year, "Mississippi did grandly.' Let us, dear Brethren, maintain this good record. The command of Christ, the open door, the evidences of past success, encouraging prospects of the future and the critical period to which we have come—all combine to sound a trumpet call to us, which we cannot afford to disregard.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. FARMER.

The report on Home Missions was read by H. A. DuBoise and adopted as follows:

Home Missions.

Our Home Mission is a very important branch of our denominational work. The Southern Baptist Convention had last year 411 missionaries in the home work. These preached to 1626 churches; to which were added by baptism 5617, and by letter 6612. Total additions being 12,289; or an average of nearly 30 per Missionary. What Convention or Association can make so good an average among their pastors? The contribution for these 411 Missionaries during the Conventional year amounted to $59,010.00; or an average of $146.00 for each Missionary. Of this amount Mississippi contributed $10,276.00, or more than any other state except Texas. And for Church building—another branch of our Home Mission work, $80,810.00 were contributed, $800.00 of which was contributed by Mississippi.

Brethren, let us see that the Coldwater Association does not fall behind in this great work of sending the gospel to those at our very doors.

Our work in Cuba is greatly impeded by the war. Let us pray that when the storms of war have passed away, that the quiet reign of the Lord Jesus Christ may take its place, and spread over that entire island. Then it will soon cease to be a Mission ground. Recent reports show that the work among the Cuban refugees in Florida is quite encouraging; as is also the work in the Indian Territory. Though some of the Missionaries and native helpers in the Territory have suffered greatly recently, on account of the drouth and from persecution.

To show what a grand work our home mission board under the divine blessing is doing we give the following sketch from the Secretary of our home board:

The work of our home mission board under the divine blessings has grown into proportions gratifying to

our people and promising us happiest results in the future. During the last five years the number of missionaries in its employ has averaged about 400. The results of their labors have been most inspiring. In that time they have baptized more than 20,000 believers, constituted more than a thousand churches, organized twice that number of Sunday schools, and erected more than 500 houses of worship on their fields of labor. Of this work the distinguished historian who delivered the semi-centennial address in Washington in 1895 said that it was "the joy and marvel of our recent history." This year the work of the board, under the trying conditions of the country, is going forward with most gratifying success. One of our missionaries recently reported 61 baptisms as the result of nine weeks of labor. Another says: "Held 12 days of meeting, baptised 32."

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. DuBoise.

A motion to discuss Home, State and Foreign Missions was carried. The committee on State Missions not being present, a motion to adopt the report of last year with the statistics changed was carried. Discussed by A. V. Rowe, A. A. Lomax, W. T. Lowery, McLillian and Solomon.

Adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m. Prayer by Elder A. G. Perry.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session.

Called to order at 1.30 p. m., by singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Prayer by E. D. Solomon.

McLillian was admitted as a messenger from Yalobusha Association, who also represents The Layman.

The report on Associational Missions read by N. F. Metts, discussed by J. E. Barnett, H. A. DuBoise and T. C. Dockery, and adopted as read:

Report on Associational Missions.

Dear Brethren:—In making this report we are glad to state that we have cultivated, as best we could, our interest at Eudora Plumb Point, Amaziah and Pleasant View. This work has been efficiently done by the faith-

ful servants of our Board. We are glad to state that the churches at Eudora Amaziah and Pleasant View have been sufficiently fostered to be self-sustaining. The work at Holly Springs has been fostered by both our Board and the State Convention Board, and the brethren at large understand the situation there. We have paid the cause at Amaziah $50.00, to Plumb Point $75.00, to Eudora $75.00 and to Pleasant View $25.00, to Holly Springs $200.00. At Amaziah we have no increase in number, but a great spiritual growth among our members. At Pleasant View, our increase in number was eight and much spiritual development. At Holly Springs Bro. Lowery had four additions and reports a prosperous year. While this is a mission State, yet our workers there are faithful. Their contribution this year amounted to $13.00 per member. Bro. DuBoise had seven additions at Plumb Point. At Eudora they had 19 accessions to the church, and they are now arranging to build a house of worship.

Brethren, in surveying our field, we find that we have within our bounds recent undeveloped territory to-wit: some six miles east of Hernando we need to have our cause represented. East of Chulahoma we have on the river large destitutions, also on Walnut Lake we could do great good if we would only occupy other destitutions we will not mention. Brethren, the work is a great one —let us push it in our Master's name.

N. F. METTS.

Report on Publication read and adopted as amended. Discussed by A. A. Lomax, McLillian, J. R. Farish and W. T. Lowery.

Report on Publication.

There is nothing that has a greater influence on the minds and moral nature of ourselves and our children, barring perhaps, the influence of our mothers, than the kind of literature that is allowed to enter our family circle. How particular then should we be in choosing that literature. We should certainly endeavor to avoid and weed out anything that has a tendency to leave a low, vulgar and blighting impression upon the minds and moral natures of our sisters and children. But instead rise above such reading matter and educate ourselves up to the higher plane of reading such books and papers as will tend to a high order of thinking and living. "For out of the abundance of the heart the

mouth speaketh." As we read we think, as we think we speak, and as we speak we act; hence it is all important that we read aright. Away with the idea that we can read low, trashy literature and still maintain our minds and moral natures intact from vulgar contamination. Brethren, we have within our reach many good books by able authors, who treat on all subjects in which we should interest ourselves. But the thing which I would most earnestly urge upon you to read is our Denominational papers, "The Baptist Record" and the "Layman." I cannot realize how any one of us can fail to read the "Record" and "Layman," and hope to keep ourselves in line with the work that is being done in our great State by ourselves and our beloved Brethren. It is our paper. It was brought into existence 20½ years ago by the great Baptist State Convention and for these many years it has been heralding the precious truths of the Bible, and of the doings of God's Zion in Mississippi and elsewhere. Hence, Brethren, I would urge you to rally to the help of "The Baptist Record." The paper has of late undergone a very great improvement in its mechanical features, as well as its reading matter; the type and paper upon which it is printed is very much better than in the past, and it has been enlarged from a four page to an eight page paper. All this improvement has been given us at a reduced rate of subscription. You can now have it at $1.50 per year, whereas heretofore you have been paying $2.00 for it. I would, also, respectfully call your attention to "The Foreign Mission Journal," which you can read much to the advantage of your intelligence and spiritual discernment. These papers are the great educators of our people, and they should be read and supported most heartily.

Very respectfully submitted,

M. C. Ellis.

Report on Sustentation called for and not being any, Elder A. V. Rowe was called on to discuss the question, which he did very ably and feelingly.

Report of Education called for and read by Elder Hugh Foster, discussed by W. F. Lowery and adopted as follows:

Education.

God knows everything. He is the God of wisdom as well as God of love. He is the God of all strength as

well as the God of all grace. We can never be as pure as God, but we can be more and more God-like in purity and goodness. So, also, we must try to become more like him in knowledge, wisdom and strength. Paul wanted our love to abound in knowledge, and also said "in malice be children, but in understanding be men." All knowledge is God's knowledge. Surely Baptists ought to be friends to education. We ought to encourage all our educational institutions from the lowest to the highest. We especially urge the importance of ministerial education. While many of our most useful preachers have been men who did not enjoy college advantages, yet even they could have done still better if they had been blessed with better educational advantages. The times, too, have greatly changed and every young preacher ought to be willing to make any reasonable sacrifice to obtain an education. We urge upon all the brethren the importance of encouraging and helping the young ministers to obtain an education. We refer with pride to our own college for boys at Clinton. It has a strong faculty, a thorough course of study and the word influence is probably the best of any male institution in the State.

For girls we have in North Mississippi, Blue Mountain Female College; in East Mississippi, Stone College, at Meridian; in West Mississippi, Hillman College, at Clinton. We also urge all our brethren to take interest in their neighborhood schools.

HUGH FOSTER, Chairman.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the discussion of this report was postponed until the evenining session.

Closed with prayer by T. C. Dockery.

EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by the Moderator at 7 o'clock. A. J. Dickson led in prayer.

The report on Education was taken up and discussed by Rev. G. W. Potter and E. D. Solomon.

Preaching at 7.40 by H. W. Rocket, from the 33d chapter, 48th verse of Exodus. Closed with prayer by A. N. Billingsly.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Called to order promptly at 9 o'clock by the Moderator. Opened by singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," after which Rev. Hugh Foster led in prayer.

Report on Total Abstinance read by Geo. Seymore, discussed by H. A. DuBoise, E. D. Solomon, A. G. Perry and J. R. Farrish, and adopted as follows:

Total Abstinance.

Your Committee on Total Abstinance respectfully submit the following:

All are thoroughly informed regarding the evil effects of the use of alcohol as a beverage or a stimulant. As a beverage it produces moral poverty and its continued use destroys the intellect. As a stimulant it is a failure, for the reaction is more disastrous than the condition of body it was used to remedy. If we as a people would regulate our actions by the light of God's word, exclusively on this question, we would in our churches require total abstinence, and it is the firm conviction of your Committee that this body should condemn in no uncertain language the use of alcohol. Remember that the Holy Spirit has recorded our Father's condemnation in the words "Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean things," and your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this body that no christian can countenance the liquor traffic in any manner, and that Total Abstinance is the only safe rule to escape its pernicious results.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. SEYMORE.

The Finance Committee submitted their report as follows:

Finance.

Your Committee on Finance beg to make the following report:

We have received the amounts herewith shown as paid to us by the churches for the purposes stated and have paid them to the Treasurer and hold his vouchers for the same:

For Foreign Missions.....	$ 235 50
For Home Missions.....	138 30

For State Missions	86 85
For Associational Missions	82 15
For Ministerial Education	28 15
For Mississippi College	7 80
For Minutes	51 10
Cash handed us	2 00
Total	$ 631 85

CREDIT.

By amount handed Treasurer	$ 631 85

The report on Sunday School called for, and as the appointed had just married, he was excused and the report of 1893 was read by the clerk and adopted as follows:

On Suaday School.

Your Committee for Coldwater Association on Sabbath Schools would ask what is a Sabbath School for? We have various schools. First, we have a Theological School, Literary School, Military Schools and Schools of Fashion, but of all is the Sabbath School. Rememer the Sabbath day to keep it holy and to observe the first commandment: Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God hath given thee. Now who should be first at Sabbath School, the child or the parent? By all means the parent. This will set an example for the children to imitate and imitation is the strong fort in children. Let your child hear you swear and see how quick he catches the sound. Let him see you smoke, chew or dip, or let him see you shun your Sabbath School, and how many Sabbaths before he will learn the same? So then it naturally follows that the parent should be first to the Sabbath School. You should take the lead in this great equipment to train your children for the Lord, and then when the battle comes he is ready only to furnish him the word, and he will from his training furnish the means.

As soldiers are first trained before they can manage the means, so let the parent be general for the child. Do not send him off on your superintendent. Be your own officer and see to it that your child is trained for this life and the life to come. In conclusion, my prayer is that we wake up to a sense of our duty as regards the great Sabbath School question.

We reccommend the following:

1. That each pastor should see that an efficient Sunday School is organized and maintained in each church in his charge.

2. This Association shall provide for the holding of several Sunday School Institutes to be conducted by a practical Sunday School worker who may, if he thinks best, call in help, and the subject should be practical on the organization, equipment and management of the school qualification of teachers, preparation and teaching of a lesson. The Executive Board should be authorized to provide for all the necessary expenses of the Institute.

3. All church members, especially officers and teachers, should be requested to attend these Institutes.

4. Every church should see that a full report of its Sunday School is sent up to the Association with its church letter each year, giving number of officers, teachers and scholars, name and address of Superintendent, literature used, time of meeting, amount of money contributed, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STURDIVANT.

Remarks by H. A. DuBoise, G. W. Potter, E. D. Solomon and J. E. Barnett.

Report on State Missions.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report on State Missions:

The State Board was never in a more prosperous condition than at present, neither were our opportunities or the demands upon us ever greater than now. The Board had in its employ during the past conventional year, including pastors and weak churches it assisted, 73 missionaries.

The following is a summary of the work done by missionaries:

Days of actual service	5,496.
Miles traveled	41,141.
Sermons preached	3,224.
Religious visits	4,570.
Baptized by Missionaries	440.
Baptized by others where they labored	437.
Received by letter 422, restored 82, total	504.

Churches organized..... 6.
Sunday Schools organized..... 36.
Officers, teachers and scholars..... 691.
Pages of tracts distributed.....40,000.

All the Associations in the State Convention are working in co-operation with the State Board. Our Delta field has made some advancement, but there is a great deal to be done there yet. Our Coast field has made rapid progress during the past year. The men we have down there have baptized during the year 21 persons into the fellowship of the church.

This, we think, is a noble showing when we take into consideration the fact that is the Rome of the State of Mississippi. To carry on this grand work of State Missions, the Coldwater Association is asked by the State Convention to contribute only $600. Your Committee would recommend that we respond promptly and cheerfully to the above request, and use every means in our power, consistent with other duties, to push the work of State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. DuBoise.

The report on Woman's Work, by H. W. Rocket and G. W. Potter, was read by H. W. Rocket, discussed by H. W. Rocket, G. W. Potter, J. R. Farrish, E. D. Solomon and J. W. Sturdivant, and adopted as follows:

Woman's Work.

Your Committee on Womans Work, having been unexpectedly put on this subject and not having time to collect full statistics, must of necessity give a meager report. We cannot speak for the work in the entire State, but for the work in this Association. Last year only three Societies reported work aggregating $295 35, and our Sunbeam Society $100, total $395 35. This year seven societies aggregating, $258 20, and two Sunbeam Societies aggregating $54 18, amounting in all to $312 38, were reported. This report was signed by Miss Lizzie Mabry, President, and Miss Lizzie Roach, Secretary. The members of societies reported are larger than for last year, but the contributions have fallen off nearly $85. The ladies in this organized capacity are recognized as an important factor in all our mission work. Let us encourage them in this work and heed the re-

quest of the Apostle when he says, "help those women."

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. ROCKET.
G, W. POTTER.

The report on Mississippi College by L. F. Rainwater was read and adopted as follows :

Mississippi College.

The last report of the Board of Trustees of this now famous institution of learning begins with the following words, viz:

The session of 1895-6 which closed on the 3rd of June last, was one of the most prosperous sessions in the history of the College."

The report was exceedingly gratifying to all the friends of Christian education, and when we are now able to announce that the session of 1896-7 just beginning, promises a still more prosperous session and a general advance movement all along the line, we hail with gladness the joyful news and give praise to Him whose blessings have so signally crowned the work of our beloved institution.

During the past year there were 242 matriculations, 39 of whom are students for the ministry. There were 18 graduates. Only think what an influence for good eighteen educated christian young men may exert, scattered as they will be all over our land. Men who may always be found upon the right side of every great question. Men who will reflect the training they have received by their exemplary conduct and thereby become not only an advertisement of their *Alma Mater* but an honor to that institution whence they came.

For the first time in twenty years the College last year paid the actual expenses with a surplus of $275.53. The Professors received their salaries regularly and on the day they were due, so that the Trustees did not have to report a defiict at our last Convention. This happy condition results largely from interest collections on our endowment fund which is $42,166.00.

Brethren, when we remember the Godly men who have gone out from Mississippi College—where they are and what they are doing when we remember that they are scattered all over the globe, breaking the bread of eternal life to the benighted of all heathen lands—when we remember the places of honor and trust, in Church

and State, occupied by these men, it is a pardonable pride that swells within us as we also remember that this institution is our own. That it was born of our poverty, endowed with our prayers and maintained with our sacrifice. It is the child of our faith and the *protege* of our hopes. Through it, the poorest Baptist in Mississippi who has contributed his mite towards the work of this institution, has been enabled to obey the divine commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" etc. Let us continue to give to it our prayers, our sympathies and our means, and they shall be as bread cast upon the waters to be gathered many days hence.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. F. RAINWATER.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

Foreign Missions—J. E. Barnett.
Home Missions—W. M. Farmer.
State Missions—J. W. Alford.
Associational Missions—H. J. Legg.
Publications—H. A. DuBoise.
Total Abstinance—Dr. J. W. Crawford.
Ministerial Education.—J. A. Lee.
Sunday School—A. G. Perry.
Woman's Work—L. F. Rainwater.
Mississippi College—J. W. Sturdivant.
Sustentation—G. W. Potter.
Orphanage—L. S. Foster.

Your committee on Nominations have decided to give the Association to Longtown to meet Thursday before the third Sabbath in October, 1897. This report met with objections and was amended by changing the place of meeting to the State Line Church at Olive Branch—J. E. Barnett to preach the introductory at 11 a. m., N. F. Metts, alternate.

W. W. MAY,
N. P. HOUSE,
L. G. TURLEY,
J. O. ASKEW,
A. G. PERRY,
Committee.

The following resolutions in regard to Dr. Whitsitt were read and adopted:

Whereas, certain statements, to-wit: "That prior to the year 1641 *all* Baptists employed sprinkling and pouring as the mode of baptism."

"That the *earliest organized* Baptist Church belonged to the year 1610 or 1611." That Edward Barber was the founder of the rite of immerson among Baptists. That immersion was *invented* in 1641." Emanating from W. H. Whitsitt, President of our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and teacher of church history in said institution, have appeared in Sunday publications that have done and will continue to do great injustice to our denomination, therefore be it

Resolved by the Coldwater Association:

1. That we utterly repudiate the aforementioned statements, they being entirely untrue to facts.

2. That it is our deliberate opinion that the confidence of the denomination in the fealty of President Whitsitt to the denomination, and in his abilty and accuracy as a teacher of Church history has been so greatly shaken that the cause of our common Lord imperatively demands his resignation both as president and teacher.

3. That while we have great confidence in the wisdom of the trustees from our State, yet we beg to assure them that the removal of Dr. Whitsitt in the event of his refusal to resign, will meet with the hearty approval of the churches composing this body.

4. That while we greatly deplore both the lack of judgment and want of correct history information on the part of Dr. Whitsitt, yet we retain confidence in him as a Christian.

5. That so soon as the cause for this present agitation shall have been removed that we pledge to the Seminary our cordial and hearty support.

6. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Baptist Record, Baptist Layman, Western Recorder and Texas Baptist Standard with a request to publish the same. Also that a copy be furnished to each of the Seminary trustees for Mississippi.

The Treasurer made his report as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

Received from Finance Committee:

For Foreign Missions	$ 235 50
For Home Missions	138 30
For State Missions	86 85
For Association Missions	82 15

For Mississippi College	9 80
For Ministerial Education	28 15
For Clerk	20 00
For Printing Minutes	31 10
Collection, Brother Ed. Solomon	22 30
Ministerial Education Collection, Holly Springs Church—Bro. Lowrey	20 00
	$674 15

PAID OUT.

A. V. Rowe	$580 50
Clerk of Association	20 00
Printing Minutes	31 10
E. D. Solomon	22 30
W. T. Lowrey	20 00
P. O. Order	15
Balance on hand	10
	$674 15

The following resolution was offered by Elder H. A. DuBoise.

Resolved, That this body tender to the membership of Union Church and friends of the community their thanks for the kindly manner in which they have received and treated us during the sessson just closed.

On motion the Clerk was allowed $20.00 for his services.

A cash collection was taken to pay the matriculation fee of E. D. Solomon in Mississippi College, which amounted to $16.55.

A motion to adjourn prevailed, and while singing the parting hand-shake was participated in, after which the benediction was pronounced by Elder J. W. Alford and the body stood adjourned to meet with State Line Baptist Church at Olive Branch, Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1897.

Associational Executive Board.

Associational Executive Board was appointed as follows:

Alexandria.....T. H. Hardle.

Amaziah.....Alex France.
Bold Springs.....S. A. Hughey.
Bethel.....J. W. Sturdivant.
Byhalia.....H. A. DuBoise.
Coldwater.....C. Flemming.
Central Coldwalter.....J. E. Barnett.
Center Hill.....Tom Coopwood.
Evansville.....Senator Howard
Ebenezer.....S. P. Dalehite.
Eudora.....W. A. Shackelford.
Grays Creek.....B. F. Cate.
Hebron.....Jno. Faulkner.
Hernando.....N. W. P. Bacon.
Hickory Grove.....Dr. J. W. Crawford.
Holly Springs.....J. B. Pipkin.
Hopwell.....S. H. Lusk.
Harmony.....C. Q. Farmer.
Longtown.....A. J. Dickson.
Mt. Pleasant.....T. C. Lockhart.
Mt. Manna.....A. G. Perry.
Macedonia.....Geo. Seymore.
Mt. Moriah.....C. C. Anderson.
New Prospect.....Sam Sneed.
New Hope, (Lafayette).....S. P. Perkins.
New Hope, (Tate).....D. A. Meadows.
Oak Grove.....C. E. Emerson.
Pleasant Grove.....W. A. Sisco.
Pleasant View.....R. J. Freeman.
Philadelphia.....Adrian Jones.

BOARD.

Peach Creek.....R. S. Wilson.
Pleasant Hill.....C. A. Henly.
Strayhorn.....S. T. Clayton.
State Line.....J. C. Drake.
Senatobia.....W. J. Echols.
Sardis.....J. J. Henderson.
Salem.....J. Y. Bozby.
Tyro.....L. A. Moore.

Union.....D. G. Young.
Unity.....W. M. Farmer.
White Oak Grove.....Joseph Meridy.
Mt. Pisgah.....J. H. Tyre.
Chulahoma.....R. Tucker.
Harmony.....J. B. Walker.
Looxahoma.....A. J. Dickson.
McIvor.....W. P. Lemaster.
Medway.....J. H. Golf.
Mt. Zion.....W. J. Self.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Alford, J. W.....Collierville, Tenn.
Bacon, N. W. P.....Hernando, Miss.
Barnett, J. E.....Coldwater, Miss.
Billingsly, A. N.....Senatobia, Miss.
Carter, T. J.....Cockrum, Miss.
Dayle, W. H.....Slaydens Crossing, Miss.
DuBoise, H. A.....Byhalia, Miss.
Echols, J. W.....Senatobia, Miss.
Eddins, W. L.....Chulahoma, Miss.
Farmer, W. M.....Como, Miss.
Foster, L. S.....Senatobia, Miss.
Gordan, W. M.....Looxahoma, Miss.
Harral, Job.....Eudora, Miss.
Hurdle, J. H.....Slaydens Crossing, Miss.
Legg, H. J.....Sardis, Miss.
Miller, E. D.....Holly Springs, Miss.
Metts, N. F.....Harmontown, Miss.
Nichols, J. D.....Eudora, Miss.
Perry, A. G.....Coldwater, Miss.
Sturdivant.....Coldwater, Miss.
Sisco, J. W.....Red Banks, Miss.
Whittle, M.....Hernando, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

Anderson, C. C.....Galena, Miss.
Briver, J. H.....Arkabutla, Miss.
Braddy, R. H.....Sardis, Miss.
Dalehite, P. H.....Alpica, Miss.

Faulkner, J. E.....Sardis, Miss.
Moore, J. A. P.....Sardis, Miss.
McDaniel, C. A.....Ingram's Mill, Miss.
Moore R. L.....Batesville, Miss.
Wilkerson, Alma.....Senatobia, Miss.
Tyre, J. H.....Cypress, Miss.
Nelson.....Longtown, Miss.
Wells.....Longtown, Miss.

A subscription and cash collection was taken up for the benefit of Holly Springs Baptist Church amounting to $108.35, as follows:

Peach Creek		$10 00
Hernando		10 00
Union		10 00
Sardis		10 00
Central Coldwater		10 00
State Line		10 00
Byhalia		10 00
H. W. Rocket		5 00
Mount Moriah		5 00
Mount Manna		2 50
Harmony		2 50
Torrance		2 50
Miss Zelpha Williams		2 50
Z. H. Nail		2 50
J. W. Sisco,	Paid	2 50
L. G. Turley,	"	1 00
Geo. Caldwell	"	1 00
S. P. Dalehite	"	1 00
R. L. Moore	"	1 00
W. J. Self	"	1 00
Mrs. Carter	"	1 00
Miss Ella Carter	"	1 00
Bro. Graham	"	1 00
Mrs. L. F. Rainwater	"	2 00
Mrs. W. R. Dougherty	"	1 00
G. W. Durly	"	1 00
R. H. Wilson	"	1 00
Miss Lula Young	"	1 00
N. P. House	"	1 00
Miss Ola Knight	"	1 00
Dr. Ellis	"	1 00
Mrs. Hughes	"	2 00
Miss Mattie Forkner	"	1 00
Mrs. Bower	"	1 00
Bro. Wright	"	1 00
Cash	"	1 00
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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH AND COUNTY	POST OFFICE.	PASTOR.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Mississippi College.	Home Missions.	Money for Minutes.	Sundays of Meeting.	CLERKS.	Sunday School Expenses.	Church Expenses.
Alexandria, Marshall	Slayden's Crossing	H. B. Russom	W. G. McDugle, J. T. Stone	5	1		5	4	2	107	$10 10							2	R. P. McCandless	$1 75	
Amaziah, Tate	Kirksey	A. N. Billingsly	Alex France, Jim Wilmer	3	4					26	2 45	$1 50				$6 00	$1 20	2	J. E. Donehoe		
Bold Springs, DeSoto	Lake View	H. A. DuBoise	S. A. Hughey, J. A. Allen							15							75	3	P. H. Dollyhight		
Bethel, Tate	Coldwater	J. W. Sturdivant	W. S. McLeod, J. W. Sturdivant, W. L. Scott	5	6		2			58	18 65						50	3	W. S. McLeod		
Byhalia, Marshall	Byhalia	J. A. Lee	H. A. DuBoise, Miss Ida DuBoise	4	9		15		1	68		5 00	$15 00	$16 50		17 00	1 00	2-4	L. H. Lehinault		
Coldwater, Marshall	Burton	J. E. Barnett			7		17							5 00			2 00			7 50	$27 00
Central Coldwater, Tate	Coldwater		J. E. Barnett, G. W. Caldwell, W. R. Dougherty	4	7		1	3	2	95	71 67	50 00	25 75	44 55	$5 00	5 00	2 00	1-3	W. R. Dougherty	36 50	56 70
Chulahoma, Marshall	Chulahoma	G. W. Floyd	Jessie Odell, W. L. Eddins	7				2	2	23	1 50	1 50	1 00				1 85	3	J. D. O'Dell		
Center Hill, DeSoto	Collierville, Tenn.	J. W. Lee	T. D. Coopwood, D. H. Haraway	5	2		4	1	1	62	4 00	5 00	3 00			1 00	1 25	1	D. H. Haraway		
Evansville, Tate	Arkabutla	A. N. Billingsly	L. S. Vinson, J. J. Morris	7	2		2	2	2	99	9 50	2 75	8 00				1 00	4	R. T. Morris		
Ebenezer, DeSoto	Loves Station	G. W. Potter	T. C. Dockery, J. P. Dalihite, S. P. Dalihite, Miss Zelphia Williams	8	2	1	3	1		46	1 00	1 00		5 00	7 80	1 00	1 65	4	R. D. Williams		
Eudora, DeSoto	Eudora	J. W. Alford	L. G. Turley, J. W. Hinkle	4	2	1	1			43			5 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1	W. A. Shackelford		
Gray's Creek, DeSoto	Hernando	A. N. Billingsly	H. T. Pitts, W. S. Oliver, Mr. Tonnyhill	1				1	1	59	75	60	4 80				1 10	3	W. S. Oliver		
Hebron, Panola	Sardis	H. J. Legg	J. E. Folar, J. C. Williams, J. A. P. Moore, D. W Frauble	4			8		1	109	11 25	10 00				75	1 75	1	C. W. Legg		
Hickory Grove, Tate	Eckles	W. M. Farmer	J. W. Crawford, J. A. Dean, S. P. Long						2	65	92 00	50 00				10 00		1	E. T. Crawford		
Hernando, DeSoto	Hernando	N. W. P. Bacon	N. W. P. Bacon, Hugh Foster	1	4		2		3	34	16 50	13 65	7 00	11 00	5 00	73 00	1 00	1-2-4	E. L. Bass		
Holly Springs, Marshall	Holly Springs	W. T. Lowery	Z. J. Hill, J. B. Pipkins, B. L. Williams				15		2	127	7 90	2 45	2 45	10 55		50	1 00	1-3	J. C. Shuts		50 00
Hopewell, Tate	Arkabutla	J. E. Barnett	W. W. May, S. H. Lusk, Mrs. W. W. May	14	2	4	1	10		139	4 00					5 00	2 00	4	J. R. Turley	20 00	
Harmony, LaFayette	Harmontown	N. F. Metts	O. J. Smith, William Ragent		3	1	6	1	1	80	17 00	7 50	25 50	16 00			1 25	2	J. W. Sanders	10 50	
Longtown, Panola	Longtown	H. W. Rockett	T. J. Sullivan, G. E. Farmer, A. N. Wright		2		2			76	1 75	4 00	1 50			5 00	1 50	2	F. P. Tate		
Looxahoma, Tate	Looxahoma	H. J. Legg	A. J. Dickson, J. D. Gordan, J. T. Hollowell, J. Savage	3	9		4	1		61			2 50			2 00	90	4	A. J Dickson	7 15	18 00
McIvor, Panola	Batesville	H. J. Legg	W. P. Lemaster	7	8		3	6		58	5 90		4 50				1 00		R. L. Mooore		11 00
Midway, Tate	Senatobia	A. N. Billingsly	T. H. Gault, P. L. Killer	65	5	9	4	7	1	242	31 90	6 00		25 50	7 50	6 00	2 15	2	T. H. Garrett		
Mt. Zion, Tate	Independence	J. E. Barnett	B. Graham, W. J. Self, H. E. Canada, P. House, S. J. Miller, W. P. Miller	3	3		2		1	64	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		1 15	1 30	2	A. J. Eavenson		
Mt. Manna, Tate	Coldwater	A. G. Perry	D. W. Franklin, A. H. Drake, R. S. Drake	6		1	4			68	5 00					5 00	1 30	3	T. A. Knight	4 50	69 25
Mt Moriah, Marshall	Chulahoma	N. F. Metts	A. M. Hardin, Silas Dwinn, John B. Gilley	12	4		15	1	1	84	2 00		4 00			2 00	1 00	4	A. S. Quinn	9 30	8 45
Macedonia, DeSoto	Ingram Mill		H. Carter, Mrs. C. Carter, G. Seymour, E. Thomas	5	3					25						5 90	90	1	Geo. Seymour		
Mt. Pleasant, Marshall	Slayden's Crossing	G. W. Floyd	W. J. Coopwood, T. T. Lockhart, P. Baldwin, Mrs. Baldwin, Laura Pittman	12	1			1		66	2 75	2 75				1 50	75	4	T. J. Lockhart		
New Prospect, DeSoto	Lewisburg	J. W. Alford	S. H. Harris, J. H. Collins, Sam Snead	12	1	6	12	18		145	5 00		6 00				1 50	4	J. H. Collins		
New Hope, LaFayette	Pura	N. F. Metts	D. J. Hope, S. H. Smith, N. F. Metts, I. R. Perkins	18	3	4	2			71	4 50	2 50				1 85	1 00	1	P. T. Gamble		
New Hope, Tate	Cockrum	J. W. Sturdivant	D. R. Meadows, T. C. Crabtree, William Williams	9		2	1			47	19 50	19 00		1 60		19 50	1 50	1	V. C. Lewis		
Oak Grove, DeSoto	Cub Lake	N. W. P. Bacon	Miss Lela Janney, Miss Mary Oldenburg, Z. H. Nall, W. B. Emerson	4	1			2		41	8 25		4 55	25 00		7 75	1 50	3	C. E. Emerson		30 00
Pleasant Grove, Marshall	Red Banks	W. I. Hargis	T. L. Harris, J. M. Norman, W. A. Sisco	1			3			61			4 55				1 00	1	E. L. Harris	7 00	7 50
Pleasant View, Tate	Tyro	N. F. Metts	W. G. Aikens, R. L. Hicks, R. H. Ellis	4			7		3	36	6 10			2 25			1 00	3	R. H. Ellis	3 30	1 90
Philadelphia, Marshall	Orion	G. W. Floyd	Adrian Jones, Mrs. Mattie Jones						1	105	94 35	10 05		13 00			75	2	M. Echols		
Peach Creek, Panola	Melrose	H. W. Rockett	G. A. St. John, R. S. Wilson, L. J. Moore, Arthur Johnson				5		1	54	5 00	5 00				31 50	1 00	3	J. H. Williams		6 50
Pleasant Hill, DeSoto	Pleasant Hill			2	2		2			99	37 00	5 00		3 65							
Strayhorn, Tate	Strayhorn	W. M. Farmer	T. D. Floyd, J. P. Higginbotham		3		1		3	205	20 80	33 30				5 00	1 00	2	S. F. Clayton		
State Line, DeSoto	Oliv. Branch	G. W. Potter	J. C. Drake, J. M. Flynn	2			8		2	110		5 00	99 32	17 50			1 00	1	J. McCargo		
Senatobia, Tate	Senatobia	L. S. Foster	Dr. M. C. Ellis, J. W. Echols, Miss Eula Echols, Miss Lizzie Mabry	4		1	1	2		67	10 50	7 75				3 30	2 00	1-2-4	M. P. Moore	12 97	
Sardis, Panola	Sardis	A. A. Lomax	J. O. Askew, J. J. Henderson, J. A. Low, L. F. Rainwater and wife	5	2		4			64	5 65			8 50			2 00	2-4	L. F. Rainwater	34 24	10 00
Salem, Tate	Cypress	W. M. Farmer	W. J. Mason, G. H. Fennell, A. G. Mabry	9	3		1	4		103	5 00					10 00		3	A. D. Turney	20 00	61 00
Tyro, Tate	Tyro	J. W. Sturdivant	G. T. Aiken, L. A. Moore	2	2	2	4	1	2	65	8 95	8 90	4 30			9 40	1 00	2	L. A. Moore		
Union, Panola	Sardis	J. W. Sturdivant	G. W. Young, L. G. Grawg, J. C. Allen, J. D. Land	3	5		2			53	3 10			8 90	3 65	6 25		4	G. W. Young		
Unity, Panola	Como	W. M. Farmer	J. D. Myers, J. W. Bruer, J. L. Bruton	3						11	1 00	1 10	1 00			8 90	1 25	4	J. L. Bruton		
White Oak Grove, Panola	Longtown	H. J. Legg	M. G. Nelson, Joseph Meridy										1 00			3 10	1 00	3	M. G. Nelson		
Mt Pisgah, Tate	Cypress	H. J. Legg	J. H. Collins, J. H. Tyre														50	3	B. M. Matthews	2 20	4 00
			Number of Churches, 47. Number represented, 45	262	113	34	168	67	32	3387	$554 67	$265 25	$282 12	$227 50	$44 45	$258 20	$51 40			$177 91	$341 50	$35 00